

PATRIOTIC housewives—the United States Food Administration calls upon you to use more potatoes and save wheat.

THE PORTEOUS & MITCHELL CO.

USE more potatoes and thereby save wheat is the request of the United States Food Administration to all patriotic housewives.

Today Will Be a Day of Special Values At This Store

USE POTATOES

We want to appeal to the Patriotic Housewives of Eastern Connecticut to co-operate with the United States Food Administration by using more potatoes and thereby saving wheat for our Allies and our Boys "over there." In a recent editorial urging the freer use of potatoes the New York Sun said:

Personality of the Potato

"Speaking of the potato—and the Food Administration asks us to speak of it 'loud and plain' just now—it may be of value to consider its history, from the vegetable interest standpoint, aside from its importance as a producer of calories or its price per bushel.

The potato is an anomaly among edible vegetables in that it is neither a fruit, a bud nor a root, but just a tuber.

Historically it is a newcomer among table staples. By no means a parvenu, since it has an Aztec or Inca ancestry of countless generations, it is but a recent addition to the diet of most of the world. Contrary to the popular belief, it is probably not a native of North America. The vegetable that Sir Walter Raleigh took back to England from Virginia has been shown, beyond much doubt, to have been the sweet potato—a bird of very different plumage.

The potato emerges into modern history with the Spanish conquest of Peru. It is mentioned in the Cronica de Peru of Pedro Cieca, published in 1563, who calls it the "batata," or "papa." It has been found growing wild in the Andes and was also cultivated by the Peruvians. The monk Hieronymus Cardanus took it to Spain. It was carried thence to Italy, then to Belgium and so to England. For many decades it was merely a botanical curiosity, although the Royal Society urged its cultivation in 1663.

Its general use for food began only a bit more than a century ago, Ireland taking the lead in Europe in adopting it. Since then its progress has been rapid and world-wide, until now it is the average civilized man regards it as a necessary component of at least two of his daily meals. Above all, the main thing just now is to eat 'em.

Men's and Youths' Spring Apparel

MEN'S SPRING SUITS

Men's and Young Men's Spring Suits, in all the latest models and newest colorings, at \$18.00 to \$27.50.

STEIN-BLOCH SUITS

We feature Stein-Bloch Smart Clothes, in all the newest models and most fashionable colorings—Spring Suits at \$25.00 to \$35.00.

MEN'S TOP COATS

Men's and Young Men's Spring Weight Top Coats, in all the fashionable style and splendidly tailored at \$16.50 to \$25.00.

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We are sole agents for the Royal Tailors line for men who want something distinctive. Suits or Top Coats built to your individual requirements from guaranteed wool fabrics at moderate prices.

NAINSOOK UNION SUITS 85c

Men's Nainsook Union Suits, in the regular athletic style—sleeveless and knee length—the celebrated "Roxford" make—special price 85c a Suit.

MEN'S \$1.50 UNION SUITS at \$1.19

Men's Ribbed Union Suits, short sleeves and ankle length, the celebrated "Lawrence" make, in a full line of sizes—these are good weight for Spring and Summer wear—Special price \$1.19 a Suit, actual value \$1.50.

MEN'S NECKWEAR AT 75c

A fine quality Pure Silk Scarf, in a broad range of new figured patterns and a number of different color designs—a large, flowing end dollar shape at 75c each. See display in our inside cases.



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Trimmed Sailors, the very latest shapes and in all the fashionable colors—prices \$1.98 and upwards.

Many new Trimmed Hats are here this week, smart, up-to-date styles, and extraordinary values at \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$5.00

New shapes and colorings in Children's Trimmed Hats, including many special values at \$1.50, \$1.98 and upwards.

Untrimmed Hats for women and misses, all the newest shapes and colorings including a manufacturer's sample line at special prices.

BOYS' WEAR—CAPS, SWEATERS, ETC.

Boys' Golf Caps, value \$1.25.....Special price 95c
Boys' Sweaters, sizes 10 to 14, value \$3.50.....Special price \$2.95
Boys' Spring Overcoats, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, value \$6.00.....at \$3.95

SWEATERS—WOMEN'S, MISSES', GIRLS'

Girls' Sweaters, sizes 8 to 12, in Copenhagen and rose, value \$3.50.....Special price \$2.95
Women's and Misses' Slip-on Sweaters, in all the fashionable colors, value \$7.00.....Special price \$4.75
Women's and Misses' Sweaters, in white and colors, value \$3.00.....Special price \$6.50

GLOVES FOR SPRING

This store is noted for the worthiness of its Gloves. We show complete lines of Women's and Children's Gloves for Spring—Kid, Silk, Chamotte, Etc.—all grades, all colors, all styles.

NEW RIBBONS FOR SPRING

Our Ribbon Department is particularly bright and attractive just now with the new Spring Ribbons. The showing includes plain weaves in all widths, styles and colorings and a broad range of the newest ideas in Fancy Ribbons.

WOMEN'S SMART SUITS

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This offering comprises our entire stock of Women's and Misses' Colored Suits at these special prices

SUITS AT \$19.50

Women's Suits, in all the latest models, newest materials and most fashionable colorings—Special price \$19.50, former prices \$25.00 to \$29.50.

SUITS AT \$25.00

Women's Suits that represent original style ideas and novelty touches of clever designers—Special price \$25.00, former prices \$32.50 to \$38.50.

SUITS AT \$35.00

These are our highest grade Suits of finest materials, smart models and most fashionable colorings—Special price \$35.00, former prices \$39.50 to \$52.50.

WOMEN'S COATS, \$14.50

Women's Coats, in a splendid assortment of attractive models, including the popular Trench models, made of all-wool poplin, mixtures and velour plaids—very special value at \$14.50.

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Smart, snappy models that will appeal to dressy women, made of excellent quality velours in all the fashionable colors—very special value at \$22.95.

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BOAT-TROLLEY FREIGHT TO THE BASE

Shore Line Electric Railway to Operate Boat From Smith's Cove, Waterford—Will Serve to Transfer Freight Brought by Trolley Express From Either Norwich or New London.

In a communication presented at the April meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening, the rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building announcement was made by the Shore Line Electric Railway company of its intention soon to put into service a boat at Smith's Cove, Waterford, to the submarine base at the Groton side of the river. It is hoped to get the boat running within the next few weeks.

This boat will land passengers directly at the submarine base at one of their docks as arranged with Commander John Rogers. This will give half-hourly service when necessary from the Parade in New London and from Franklin square in Norwich via car to the ferry dock at Smith's Cove in Waterford, thence by boat to the submarine base. It is figured that the running time will be about one-half hour. It is also proposed to handle as much freight as possible in the way of packages which may be offered by the merchants of Norwich and New London. A study has been made by the company for some time regarding the traffic situation at the submarine base and it is felt that this is the best solution of the problem at present, due to the fact that it can be put in a short time and will give the company a chance to use its present tracks and also will allow them to deliver passengers to and from the submarine base in a relatively short time.

President Frater W. Cary presided at the meeting, with Secretary Herbert B. Branch keeping the records. Mayor Allen L. Brown was applauded for an inspiring talk he gave upon the subject of the Liberty loan, in which he urged every one to consider whether he had subscribed to the fullest possible amount.

Buying Chelsea Boat Dock.

President Cary introduced W. H. Hatch, one of the officers of the Hart Steamship company, who said that the

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first aid to the mentally diseased, other than the insane asylum or the almshouse. But to make a cure in a mental case, said the doctor, we must get them sooner than we can legally now. He advised complete state care of the insane as the only complete solution of the situation.

What Backus Hospital Does.

Superintendent F. Leon Hutchins of the Backus hospital, interested to speak upon the subject of The Services of the Hospital to This Community. He referred in the beginning to the building of the hospital by Mr. Backus and its endowment for more than \$270,000 by Wm. A. Slater, a total gift to the community of over half a million dollars. He referred to the work of the free dispensary for the poor of the town which does not cost this community a single dollar. The hospital pays every dollar for it, as it does for the laboratory work, the clinic for women's diseases, and also the eye, ear and throat treatment department. The superintendent stated that the hospital had recently tendered its services to the local medical association for a venereal disease clinic. It will not cost this community a single dollar to have an expert brought here by Dr. Osgood, who will give instruction in the administering of salvarsan for venereal diseases.

Mr. Hutchins said that he wished to disabuse the minds of the public of the impression that Backus hospital has so much money that it does not know what to do with it. The cost per patient per capita is \$12.50 and many patients do not even pay the \$10 per week which is the minimum ward rate. The two pays but \$5 per week for patients. Superintendent Hutchins said that several instances as illustrations to show that the best and high priced service is given even to the poorest patients. This service takes a pile of money from the Backus hospital, but is called upon the town of Norwich for a cent in 25 years. But this year the Backus hospital is facing a deficit.

Superintendent Hutchins stated that the trustees had recently voted to use the isolated ward for venereal diseases. He spoke also of the training of nurses that is carried on at the hospital and of the shortage of sleeping rooms for the nurses. He said that it would be a good investment for the community to provide more facilities in that line for the nurses' home. Fifty-four thousand dollars, Superintendent Hutchins said, were the yearly expenses of the hospital, and practically every dollar is spent in Norwich. He asked for the interest and co-operation of the community in the hospital. He spoke of the particular need of an X-ray machine, which costs about \$2,000, and towards which there has now been accumulated by contributions about \$1,000.

Garfield Muddled Coal Situation.

William S. Gould, president of the Fuel Engineering company of New York, gave an exhaustive survey of the critical condition our industries are in owing to inability to secure bituminous and anthracite coal. He covered the whole subject from 1915 to the present time, charging that the coal producers had deliberately fanned the flame of high prices in 1915 and 1916, but said that the regulations imposed by the national fuel commission under the war time act had been a bad muddle of the whole situation since then, as Mr. Garfield had shown that he was mentally equipped so that he refused

to learn anything from others of greater experience in the business. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

What Eastern Connecticut Boys Are Doing in Various Branches of the Service.

O. K. From the Trenches.

In a letter to a friend in this city, Corp. Wm. H. Turner of Co. I, 102nd U. S. Infantry, now stationed here on guard duty, writes as follows:

Somewhere in France, March 28, 1918. Dear Olive: Received your letter today. We are having some nice weather over here now, regular spring kind. I have made a trip to the trenches and got through O. K. The people at home know me and my work is going on than we do. I received one of your letters while I was in the trenches. The U. S. has fixed up a place over here where we can go on a furlough. About everything there is a flourish and by what I read about the place it is some place. America shows both movie and stock and the Y. M. C. A. has something for us. They are certainly doing good work.

A lot of them go into the trenches with such stuff as cake, chocolate and what smoking they can get and that's about all. The most of them are sent from the States in packages from our folks and friends. The first month we were over here some of the fellows got the machine gun fire of the allied forces. Their long range gun is still firing on Paris and the indignation because of the Good Friday attack is spreading all over the country. You must have heard about that particular bombardment.

Everywhere you go you can see signs of war. And many of the poor devils back from the trenches are in bad shape. I have seen Algerians with their queer turban headresses, Italians and of course French and British soldiers walking about the streets. We often hear the gun practice in the distance. Aeroplanes pass over so frequently that they have lost their novelty. Everywhere there is a sign of war. It is the general opinion that this spring drive will end it all. By that I mean that Germany will be broken through. Conditions internally in Germany are reported in a very poor condition, and they are bound to reach a climax soon. I am still convinced that I will be home for Christmas dinner. So prepare!

Yesterday I met a college mate of mine, a Lieutenant Westphal, whom I met at Trinity. He sure was surprised to see me, and I was as much surprised to see him. I should very much enjoy running into Jack McCormick or Myron Jackson. Both are over here somewhere.

As it is getting late and "lapse" is blowing, I must cut this short. Give my regards to all my friends and do not worry. I am in the best of health and feeling fine. We are well cared for and everything is running smoothly. Leave it to your Uncle Sam! He is the greatest and most loved man in the world today. I trust that you

are all well and are not suffering from any spring colds, etc. Take good care of yourselves and Uncle John. God bless you! Love to all.

PRIV. ARTHUR J. MULLEN.
Hospital Unit "H," A. E. F., France.

From the Front Line.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kent of Mohegan received a letter from their son, Private Fred L. Kent, who is in Co. G, 102nd Regt., U. S. Infantry, in France. The letter is as follows:

Dear Mother: I will try and write a line. I don't think I have written since Christmas. At the present time we are well. We have been in the front line trenches and war is what Sherman says it is and many nights I thought I would never see home again. When you send anything don't put in too much time in sending them. Counts when we take a long hike. I don't get a chance to write much but when I do I will write to all of my friends. I have written many letters only to find out I couldn't send them. We have some of the Norwich papers sent to us. It don't look to me as the war would be over very soon. Keep the letters coming as they are the most comfort we have to receive. I received a letter from Henry Pukallus and will answer it soon. As they say some of the engineers were killed up where we were. Well, I will close for this time. May God bless you all.

FRED.

On Top and Going Strong.
Dear Sister: Just a line to let you know that I am still on top and going strong. Geo. the trip over was swell; the best I ever enjoyed. Never was sick for even a minute. The scenery here is wonderful. I wish you could have seen it. The grass so green and they are harvesting crops here already. The women are doing all the work too. Now don't expect to hear as often from me as when we were over in Wright, as that will be almost impossible and as we will be very busy. We won't be able to write as often, still I will try and get a letter away every week, but that won't stop you from writing as often as you can. The weather is much warmer here than it seemed at home. One thing impressed me was the horses. I always liked a good horse and they sure have some good ones here. It looked funny to see women driving them. I would like to see Peg on one of the teams. She would be scared stiff.

PVT. J. J. KANE.
Battery E, 56th Regt., C. A. C., A. E. F.

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NOTES

Dr. Edward Stearns Speaks on Naturalizing The American.

"War has discovered the fact that we are one nation, that we are welded by innumerable forces into a section, the unity of which has been unequalled in civilizations to this day." In an inspiring address to the student body and faculty of the college, Dr. Edward L. Stearns of Grinnell college, Iowa, a noted sociologist, spoke on the subject, "Naturalizing The American."

Dr. Stearns laid emphasis on the fact that the cleavage in America is not between the native born and the foreign born, but between those who have and those who have not. But there is a sense of kinship in this misapprehension which has destined the United States to be more than a nation. The environment, the races, the

open country are centered in the language which is the channel where the spirit of the nation is carried.

Speaking of the conditions in the West, Dr. Stearns reviewed the conditions arising from the I. W. W. The lack of well being, the absence of economic well being in the underlying cause of the revolution. These men are for the most part homeless and spiritless, brought up to sedition and treason.

The world-wide enthusiasm felt for our three great presidents, Washington, Lincoln and Wilson is but one part of our spirit of unity. The oppressed foreigner came to America in search of freedom and here he found it. Yet, the homeland ties are strong and the tragedy which the emigrant is facing today is one of the greatest tragedies in history; the decision of choice is one of the deepest of all situations.

The emigrants who faced the hardships of the voyage across the stormy Atlantic, the ploughing of the rough fields, climbing the mountains, the hills; in these undertakings were the fiber and morale of the nation founded. This fiber today is the strongest factor in the crisis. It was the impulse that prompted Wilson to declare war for the world democracy ideal that "the nation of the people, by the people and for the people may not perish from the earth."

Forty Students in Motor Driving.
The first of the course of 16 lessons in motor driving, in which college girls have enlisted, was held on Wednesday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock. The parts of the machine were explained and a few practical exercises given to the class.

Forty students have enlisted in the course, which takes five hours a week, including one hour of military drill and drill in the Morse code.

Will Visit Yale Art Collection.
Twenty-five students are planning to visit the Yale Art collection of Greek vases and Babylonian tablets, under the auspices of the Greek and Latin department at the college. The party will leave New London on the 11.06, lunch at the College grill, and visit the collection in the afternoon.

Professors Bauer and Clay of Yale university will meet them and will give informal talks on the collections. The party will return in the evening.

To Present Melrose Play.
Melrose's famous work, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, was presented in the college gymnasium by the French club of the college on Friday evening. Considerable time had been spent on rehearsals of the play and no effort had been spared to make it a great success in scenic and theatrical effects.

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